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INTRODUCTION

On April 21 and 22, 1972, a symposium entitled *One Hundred Years of the Fourteenth Amendment: Its Implications for the Future*, took place at the new home of the Washington University School of Law. The School of Law was established by the University's Board of Trustees on August 16, 1867. During that same year the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution was in the midst of the ratification process. This contemporaneous founding of the School of Law and the ratification of the fourteenth amendment provided the theme for the symposium, which highlighted the dedication of the Seeley G. Mudd Law Building and the Eugene A. and Adlyne Freund Law Library.

Many distinguished lawyers participated in the symposium, including Professors Francis A. Allen of the University of Michigan Law School and Herbert Wechsler of Columbia University School of Law, who served jointly in the dual roles of moderator-commentator. Professor Kenneth L. Karst of the UCLA Law School suggested in *Not One Law at Rome and Another at Athens: The Fourteenth Amendment in Nationwide Application* that the Supreme Court has recently begun a process which treats equal protection litigation from the North and West differently from that arising in the South. The work of Professor Philip B. Kurland of the University of Chicago Law School, *The Privileges or Immunities*

Clause: "Its Hour Come Round at Last?", discussed the possible future development of that clause of the fourteenth amendment rather than the equal protection clause. Mr. John P. Frank, formerly of the Yale Law School faculty and presently an attorney in Phoenix, presented *The Original Understanding of "Equal Protection of the Laws"*, which focused on the historical evidence relating to the attitudes of Congress when enacting the fourteenth amendment. Mr. Robert L. Carter of the New York Bar and former General Counsel for the NAACP presented an analysis of the consequences of *Brown v. Board of Education* and discussed possible future developments in the application of the fourteenth amendment to equal educational opportunity in his paper, *The Fourteenth Amendment's Guarantee of Equal Education Opportunity*.

The contributions published here will be presented in book form. The book, to be published by Fred Dennis & Company, will also contain the commentaries of Professors Allen and Wechsler. An introduction by Professor Jules B. Gerard of the Washington University School of Law will be included.